

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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Measure R is a ½ cent sales tax initiative passed by Los Angeles County voters in 2008 providing a 30-year funding source for transit and highway transportation projects throughout Los Angeles County.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is currently preparing a prospective new transportation sales tax proposal for consideration by the voters of Los Angeles County in 2016.

The Metro Board of Directors has asked that project and program priorities be developed using a “bottom-up” approach based on input from subregions of Los Angeles County. Metro staff is working with the various Councils of Governments (COGs) and other subregional groups of cities and unincorporated areas to obtain this input and is seeking to ensure that the prospective funding be distributed with geographic equity; that is, that funding should be distributed proportionally to subregions based on current and future population and employment.

Although the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, and South Pasadena have official membership in their respective San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Valley COGs, their City Councils have advised Metro that they prefer to be part the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion and participate through the existing Arroyo Verdugo Subregional Council for the purpose of advising Metro regarding the transportation priorities and allocation and programming of funds for the potential new transportation sales tax measure.

The unincorporated La Crescenta-Montrose area is recognized in Metro’s Long Range Transportation Plan as part of the Arroyo Verdugo planning area, but this unincorporated area is not currently represented on the Arroyo Verdugo Subregional Council. The Arroyo Verdugo Subregional Council is not constituted as a Council of Governments and it is not governed by a joint powers agreement, as the various COGs are.

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The transportation priorities and interests of the unincorporated La Crescenta-Montrose area are closely linked with the cities of the Arroyo-Verdugo Subregion. The inclusion of La Crescenta-Montrose in the Arroyo Verdugo Subregional Council for the purposes of the potential ballot measure would allow the County greater decision-making authority and local control on the allocation of funding for subregional projects and programs that benefit the unincorporated communities and the cities and subregion, while allowing the County to readily collaborate with the Arroyo Verdugo cities and adjoining COGs on the larger regional projects and priorities.

In order for the County to participate the Arroyo Verdugo Subregional Council on behalf of the La Crescenta-Montrose unincorporated area for purposes of the potential new transportation sales tax measure, Metro has requested that your Board provide formal approval for its preference to be included within this subregion for this purpose.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Determine that for the purposes of the allocation and programming of funds and projects under Metro's prospective sales tax measure, the County of Los Angeles unincorporated area of La Crescenta-Montrose prefers to be grouped with the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Cities including Burbank, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Pasadena, and South Pasadena and authorize the Director of Public Works to notify the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) accordingly.
2. Find that this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the action does not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b) (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines since the action is an administrative activity which does not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in potentially significant impacts to the environment.

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